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Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington D.C. 20505

Dear Sir:

I am presently authoring an article on Congressional oversight of the CIA for the St. Louis University Law Journal. The funding process is an important element of the comment.

Can you please explain how the Agency is now funded? Specifically, I would like to know what changes, if any, have been made in the funding procedure in view of the creation of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence which, as I understand it, has exclusive jurisdiction over CIA appropriations. For example, I assume that CIA appropriations are still "couched" in the budgets of other governmental agencies. Is this done by the chairman of the Senate Select Committee, as the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees used to do? Is the entire Senate Committee apprised of the specific Agency request by the Office of Management and Budget? Does DCI still prepare a national intelligence program budget which is forwarded through the President's office to OMB?

I realize that you must respond within the constraints of national security, but hope that you will do so in sufficient depth for me to understand the present funding system. I would like to quote or paraphrase your letter, if I may.

Thank you for your help and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Michael E. Tierney*

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Staff Member, Law Journal

P.S. I would appreciate your prompt attention since my deadline is this coming week.

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